

Preface

The 2002 IEEE Pacific Rim Conference on Multimedia (PCM 2002) is the third annual conference on cutting-edge multimedia technologies and was held at Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, December 16–18, 2002. Hsinchu City, located about 70 km to the south of Taipei, is known as Taiwan’s Silicon Valley, where hundreds of successful hi-tech companies, two major national universities, several research centers, and the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) are clustered to form and reinforce the “Science-Based Industrial Park.” The conference complemented this wonderful setting by providing a forum for presenting and exploring technological and artistic advancements in multimedia. Technical issues, theory and practice, and artistic and consumer innovations brought together researchers, artists, developers, educators, performers, and practitioners of multimedia from the Pacific Rim and around the world.

The technical program featured a comprehensive program including keynote speeches, tutorials, special sessions, regular paper presentations, and technical demonstrations. We received 224 papers and accepted 154 of them. We acknowledge the great contribution from all of our committee members and paper reviewers who devoted their time to reviewing submitted papers and providing valuable comments for the authors.

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